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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on July 16, 2002, in this application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

These remarks are being filed in response to the Official Action mailed in this application on July 16, 2002, requiring restriction/election.

Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely, claims 1-9 and 16-18.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and, in particular, claims 1-9 and 16-18, and allowance of application, are all respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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